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1 (Twice Amended). A rubber composition according to claim 2, wherein it has, in a curve exhibiting a change in dynamic storage modulus during elevation of temperature, an intersection of an extrapolation line A of a portion in which the dynamic storage modulus shows an approximately linear change before a rapid decrease at temperatures higher than 100°C and an extrapolation line B of a portion in which the dynamic storage modulus rapidly decreases, at a temperature of 170°C or higher.

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8. A rubber composition according to claim 2, wherein the amount of the compound A is 0.5 to 20 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of a rubber component.

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10 (Twice Amended). A rubber composition according to claim 2, having, in a curve exhibiting a change in dynamic storage modulus during elevation of temperature, a difference  $\Delta E'$  between the maximum value and the minimum value of the dynamic storage modulus at a temperature between 180 and 200°C of 2.5 MPa or less.

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11 (Amended). A rubber composition according to claim 10, wherein the compound A is an acrylate or a methacrylate.

12 (Twice Amended). A rubber composition according to claim 2, wherein the compound A is a polyfunctional ester of a polyhydric alcohol and acrylic acid or methacrylic acid.

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15 (Twice Amended). A rubber composition according to claim 2, wherein the amount of the compound A is 0.5 to 20 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of a rubber component.

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16 (Twice Amended). A pneumatic tire according to claim 19, wherein the rubber composition has, in a curve exhibiting a change in dynamic storage modulus during elevation of temperature, an intersection of an extrapolation line A of a portion in which the dynamic storage modulus shows an approximately linear change before a rapid decrease at temperatures higher than 100°C and an extrapolation line B of a portion in which the dynamic storage modulus rapidly decreases, at a temperature of 170°C or higher.

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17 (Twice Amended). A pneumatic tire according to claim 19, wherein the rubber composition has, in a curve exhibiting a change in dynamic storage modulus during elevation of temperature, a difference  $\Delta E'$  between the maximum value and the minimum value of the dynamic storage modulus at a temperature between 180 and 200 °C of 2.5 MPa or less.

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**Please add the following new claim:**

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21 (New). A pneumatic tire according to claim 19, wherein the side reinforcing layers and/or bead fillers further comprise a rubber composition comprising a compound A having two or more ester groups in one molecule.

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